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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA TRADE MISSION TO
MIDDLE EAST

REF: BAGHDAD 0860

1. DEPT. OFFICER TALKED WITH POOLE AND HUNT, WHO IS NOW
BACK FROM MIDDLE EAST, CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF NC MISSION
THIS FALL. POOLE IN TURN REFERRED US TO PHILIP SMALL, WHO
IS REPLACING POOLE AS MISSION DIRECTOR. FOLLOWING INFOR-
MATION IS DRAWN FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS.

2. NC MISSION IN LATE SEPTEMBER/EARLY OCTOBER TO BAHRAIN,
KUWAIT, AND EGYPT WILL NOT RPT NOT STOP IN BAGHDAD. THIS
IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH HUNT'S TALKS WITH USINT RE BAD TIMING
OF SUCH A STOP IN VIEW OF BAGHDAD FAIR. NOR DOES SMALL SEE
ANY POSSIBILITY OF A MISSION GOING TO BAGHDAD THIS YEAR,
THOUGH HE IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE MARKET POSSIBILITIES.
HE SAID THEY WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER SOMETHING FOR EARLY
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NEXT SPRING.

3. HUNT, HOWEVER, SAID HE HOPED, EITHER ALONE OR WITH A FEW ASSOCIATES, TO BE IN BAGHDAD SOMETIME IN NOVEMBER AND ADDED THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF A SECOND TRIP IN EARLY

DECEMBER, AFTER THE IMPACT OF THE TRADE FAIR HAD DISSIPATED SOMEWHAT. THESE TRIPS WOULD BE ON PRIVATE INITIATIVES, BOTH PROBABLY LED BY HUNT, AND WITH NO OFFICIAL TIES TO THE NC MISSION. HUNT DOES NOT YET KNOW WHAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUPS WILL BE.

4. BOTH SMALL AND HUNT WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING FUTURE PLANS IN CONNECTION WITH BAGHDAD AND HAVE ALSO BEEN REFERRED TO USDOC/CAGNE AND USDOC/TRADE MISSIONS OFFICE FOR APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE, WITH YOUR CAUTION RE USG INVOLVEMENT IN MISSIONS (BAGHDAD 857) IN MIND. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY INFORMATION WE MAY RECEIVE. KISSINGER

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